

The present franchise laws are contained in the Dominion Elections Act, 1938 (2 Geo. VI, c. 46, as amended by 6 Geo. VI, c. 26 and 12 Geo. VI, c. 46). The franchise is conferred upon all British subjects, men and women, who have attained the age of 21 years and who have been ordinarily resident in Canada for 12 months prior to polling day at a Dominion election, and ordinarily resident in the electoral district on the date of the issue of the writ for such election. Classes of persons denied the right to vote are:—

- (1) Judges appointed by the Governor General in Council;
- (2) The returning officer for each electoral district;
- (3) Persons undergoing punishment as inmates of any penal institution for the commission of any offence;
- (4) Indians ordinarily resident on an Indian reservation who did not serve in the First or Second World Wars;
- (5) Persons restrained of their liberty or management of their property by reason of mental disease;
- (6) Eskimos, whether born in Canada or elsewhere;
- (7) Doukhobors, residing in the Province of British Columbia, whether born in Canada or elsewhere;
- (8) Persons disqualified under any law relating to the disqualification of electors for corrupt and illegal practices.

The Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, passed on June 15, 1948, removed the provisions previously in effect which disqualified Japanese or other persons by reason of race from voting at Dominion elections, also inmates of institutions maintained by any government or municipality for the housing of the poor.

Special procedure prescribed by the Canadian War Service Voting Regulations, 1944, and the Canadian Prisoners of War Voting Regulations, 1944, is outlined at p. 74 of the 1947 Year Book.

### 11.—Voters on the Lists and Votes Polled at the General Elections of 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945

NOTE.—Corresponding statistics for the general elections of 1911, 1917, 1921 and 1925 will be found at p. 82 of the 1926 Year Book and those for the general election of 1926 at p. 66 of the 1945 edition.

Province or Territory	Voters on the Lists				Votes Polled			
	1930	1935	1940	1945	1930	1935	1940	1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
P; E. Island.....	46,985	53,284	55,339	54,794	59,519 <sup>1</sup>	61,641 <sup>1</sup>	62,943 <sup>1</sup>	63,807 <sup>1</sup>
Nova Scotia.....	275,762	304,313	335,990	362,754	268,727 <sup>2</sup>	275,523 <sup>2</sup>	283,428 <sup>2</sup>	312,954 <sup>2</sup>
New Brunswick...	207,006	229,266	251,986	262,261	186,277 <sup>3</sup>	177,485	174,734	204,273
Quebec.....	1,351,585 <sup>4</sup>	1,575,159	1,799,942	1,956,225	1,029,480 <sup>4</sup>	1,162,862	1,189,489	1,433,591
Ontario.....	1,894,624	2,174,188	2,340,344	2,457,937	1,364,960 <sup>5</sup>	1,608,244	1,625,439	1,831,806
Manitoba.....	328,089	377,733	425,066	433,921	235,192	284,589	320,860	327,794
Saskatchewan.....	410,400	451,386	481,931	445,601	331,652	347,536	373,376	379,539
Alberta.....	304,475 <sup>4</sup>	368,956	423,609	430,430	201,635 <sup>4</sup>	241,107	272,418	315,863
British Columbia..	333,326	382,117	472,584	545,077	243,631	292,423	368,103	433,402
Yukon.....	1,719	1,805	2,097	3,445	1,408	1,265	1,741	2,164
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>5,153,971<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>5,918,207</b>	<b>6,588,888</b>	<b>6,952,445</b>	<b>3,922,481<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>4,452,675</b>	<b>4,672,531</b>	<b>5,305,193</b>

<sup>1</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of Queens County, P.E.I., had two votes; in 1945, 24,540 voters on the list cast 38,812 votes.

<sup>2</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of Halifax, N.S., had two votes; in 1945, 85,262 voters on the list cast 105,618 votes.

<sup>3</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of St. John-Albert, N.B., had two votes; in 1930, 37,067 voters on the list cast 50,121 votes.

<sup>4</sup> Not including one electoral district in which the return was by acclamation.

<sup>5</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of Ottawa, Ont., had two votes; in 1930, 61,535 voters on the list cast 97,369 votes.

<sup>6</sup> Not including two electoral districts in which the returns were by acclamation.